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**Correspondence**  
**(Alaska Office,**  
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**1919-1921**



Kiangyin, China,  
September 28, 1919

Mr. S. Hall Young,

New York City,

Dear Mr. Young,

In the Presbyterian Banner I saw that you were canvassing West Virginia for a fund to support a missionary in Alaska in memory of the son of my dear friend, Mrs. E. J. Wilson, who met his death in France.

For the sake of Mr. Wilson and my beloved native state, West Virginia, I am sending you a small check for this fund. I wish it were larger, but then on many calls here on one's none too mighty purse, so it is impossible to enlarge it.

I enclose ten dollars (\$10.00).

You may be interested to know that it was during a footnight's services at my home church, Holliday's Cove, which were conducted by your father, that I united with the church. We had the pleasure of having him as our guest in the home, also.

Most sincerely yours,  
(Miss) Caroline Virginia Lee.



INTERCHURCH WORLD MOVEMENT  
OF NORTH AMERICAHOME MISSIONS SURVEY  
DEPARTMENT  
45 West 18th Street  
RALPH E. DIFFENDORFER

NEW YORK CITY

S. EARL TAYLOR, General Secretary

March 29, 1920.

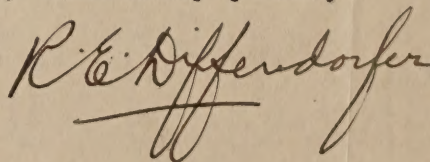
Dr. John A. Marquis,  
156 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City.

My dear Dr. Marquis:-

Last Friday, I had a conference with Dr. Young, with reference to the proposed survey of Alaska. I was compelled to tell him that our budget requirements would make it impossible for us to enter into any agreements for expenditures after May 15. We are holding up all definite commitments until we see the results of the financial drive, in which policy I am sure you will agree we are pursuing the wise course. I have told Dr. Young that if he desires to go ahead with his preparations without committing the Movement in any way, he is at liberty to do so.

I understand that Mr. Condit one of your missionaries from Alaska is to be in New York in April. I hope you will plan for a joint conference in order that we may discuss the matter of the Alaska survey with him, or at least you can introduce him to me so that we can confer on this matter.

Very sincerely yours,

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*Dear Marquis  
This is a copy of the  
letter I am sending  
Dr Young. Yrs  
C. C. Hays*

Rev. S. Hall Young,  
Board of Home Missions,  
156 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City.

Dear Dr. Young:-

I tried to see you after we adjourned yesterday but you had gone.

I had a talk with Mr. Revell, the only other member of our committee present and carefully went over the letter and information you placed in my hands. I sympathize deeply with you in your desire to make the survey in Alaska this summer, as I know the other members of the committee, Dr. Marquis and the Board also, do but I do not see how we are to finance it. The Board's funds do not seem to justify it for, as you know, it will keep us busy to keep the stations for which you so earnestly pleaded and besides it seems to be an Inter-Church job rather than a job for our Board to undertake single-handed. As the Inter-Church and New Era Movements are both in process of reorganization I do not think we should give up the Alaska survey but hold it before these movements as one of the pressing needs. As we do not have funds for your entrance upon it this summer, why not accept this as the divine will and hope to carry out your plans next year. Some of your friends think you are not able for it but I tell them you are good for years to come and perhaps by postponing it you can accomplish better results than by pressing it now when the way is not clear.

I have the feeling (and I think Mr. Revell agrees with me) that this would be the wise course and I hope you can bring yourself to the same conclusion.

Let me say again that we are most sympathetic and realize fully your keen disappointment. If the way should yet open in a manner not looked for, let me know and I will be glad to go over the matter with you in the light of the later development.

With sincerest good wishes, .

Fraternally yours,

June 18, 1920.



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The Rev. S. Hall Young, D. D.,  
Alaska Division, Board of Home Missions, Presbyterian Church,  
156 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City.

My dear Dr. Young:-

Through Dr. Anthony I learn, that you are actually going to Alaska. I admire your courage and energy to undertake such a journey and so late in the year. May you be given strength for the work and may your visit prove a source of blessing to every station you see!

Starting so late it will of course be utterly impossible for you to visit our stations, which I deeply regret.

Before you leave, may I trouble you to give me your advice on the subject of the missionaries trading with and in behalf of the Eskimoes.

Have you mission stores in connection with any of the stations of the Presbyterian Church among the Eskimoes, especially those remote from civilization? Our missionaries always contend, that such trade is absolutely necessary to protect the Eskimoes from the unscrupulous ~~traders~~ traders, and to insure them receiving just prices for their furs.

Some years the ~~trade~~ trade carried on by our people has resulted in financial gain and has helped to support the mission, some years it has entailed heavy losses, as this past year 1919-1920. I would appreciate it very much if you would be willing to give me the benefit of your experience.

Two of our missionary families have had to come home on account of illness, and as yet we have found no one to take their places, and these heavy losses would probably prevent us from sending out new people, so our hopes to expand the work this year have been halted, and we are greatly discouraged.

Wishing you Gospeed on your journey, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Paul De Schweinitz



THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO

WILLIAM HERBERT HUDNUT, MINISTER

*Dr. Patterson Reed*

*4* October 12, 1920.

Rev. S. Hall Young, D.D.  
156 Fifth Ave.  
New York City

My dear Dr. Young:

I have been thinking of you lately because I have been reading again some of the chapters out of your Alaskan Days with John Muir. Then, too, you were much in our thoughts when the Marples were with us. Unfortunately I had a wedding that Saturday afternoon and was not, therefore, able to see very much of them.

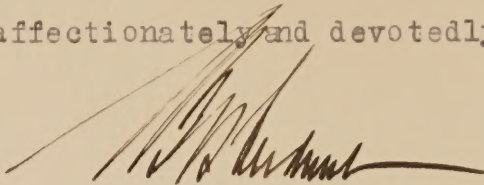
I met Mr. Marple Sunday morning and also his wife. He spoke at our service and made a very fine impression upon our people. He seems like a big hearted, brotherly, capable man. He certainly is "a peach" of an advance agent for the sale of Alaskan securities. I think we all felt that there was just one step between us and riches and that was to buy such securities and invest our money in wheat or gold, or salmon.

Mrs. Marple impressed us all as a beautiful woman. Their visit was a real blessing to us and I do not feel that there will be the slightest trouble in supporting them and in carrying out an enlarged program of helpfulness. Already I have been trying to get some furniture for their house in Anchorage, which, I understand, is very poorly provided for. Mr. Marple said it would be cheaper if the furniture were given to send it from here than to buy in Seattle and he also said that the transportation trouble presented no insuperable difficulty.

I will be very glad to receive a copy of the plan which you will submit to the Board, and I hope very much that by next spring you may be released for your big survey. I am immensely interested and anything that I can do to further your plans will give me great satisfaction.

If at any time in your travels east and west you come into the vicinity of Youngstown do not fail to let me know far enough in advance so we can have a visit together. I am already hoping that some day I, too, may go to Alaska. Believe me

Very affectionately and devotedly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'W.H.H.', with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

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BIBLE TEACHERS TRAINING SCHOOL  
541 LEXINGTON AVENUE  
NEW YORK CITY

TELEPHONE: 6521 PLAZA

Nov. 8, 1920.

Dr. S. Hall Young;-

The letters which we are receiving from Pastors and Home Missionaries of different Denominations lead us to believe that the new PASTORS DEPARTMENT of the BIBLE SCHOOL is just what many of them need and desire. In this Department pastors are expected to be in residence at the Bible School for one month, to be followed by suitable correspondence courses.

We are wondering how far your Society might care to go in encouraging your own missionaries to avail themselves of these privileges. If you care to send to each of them a copy of the enclosed circular, we shall be happy to supply you with any number of them which you may designate. One Home Missionary Committee has already undertaken to give financial help to those of its missionaries who desire to attend. We assume that nearly all pastors will need to have part or all of their expenses at the School paid and we are hoping to interest laymen and women in providing funds for this purpose.

We welcome the most thorough investigation of the work being done here. The School aims to keep free from every exaggerated or false religious emphasis. It seems to us that at this particular time, there is special reason for steadying the religious teachings of the day by a fresh, thoroughgoing and comprehensive study of the Bible itself, as being the best corrective both of error and of misplaced emphasis. So many students, pastors and missionaries of many different Denominations have taken work here and been enthusiastic concerning it, that we feel confident of being able to serve acceptably the pastors and Home Missionaries of all Communions.

In past years 552 Foreign Missionaries have taken work here while on furlough. Thirty-four more are here now. One hundred and twenty-seven others have entered the foreign work of many different Boards, after having taken their training here. We believe that we can render a similar service to the Home Missionaries and nothing would give us greater satisfaction than to have this opportunity, on a much larger scale than we have done in the past.

Most sincerely yours,

Dr. S. Hall Young  
156 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City.

*J. Campbell White*  
Vice President.



MACKENZIE SCHOOL  
MONROE, ORANGE COUNTY, N. Y.

Nov 12<sup>th</sup> 1920

Dear Dr. Young -

Please come Saturday evening, Nov 20<sup>th</sup>. if you can. I am sorry that Dr. Wright cannot arrange for Middleton for Sunday, the 21<sup>st</sup>. I will have a date in this neighborhood to offer you, if I am secure one. I shall make no engagement for Sunday, of course, for you. But will consult you.

I shall be so glad to have you take to the boys and have them see your beautiful pictures. If you could stay over Sunday with us, that would fill an cup of happiness to the trim.

Sincerely

A. H. Fish



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# Westminster Presbyterian Church

U. S. A.

Rev. William E. Harrison, D. D., Pastor  
CHESTER E. GREEN, ASSISTANT

The Manse  
1431 Fifteenth Street  
Phone 4884

Assistant's Residence  
714½ Tenth Street  
Phone 2030-J

Cor. 13th and K Streets  
Phone 4351-W  
Sacramento, Calif.

November 27, 1920.

Rev. S. Hall Young,  
New York City, N.Y.

My dear Friend and Brother:

I take great pleasure in recommending to you the Reverent W. E. Story, Pastor of the Federated Church of Fair Oaks, California, as a person in every way suited for the Alaskan work. He is one of the most prominent Baptist ministers in this section; keen of mind, strong and vigorous in body and ardent in spirit. He was pastor of the First Baptist Church of Sacramento, and I know him very intimately and am safe in saying that our Board would be peculiarly fortunate if they should secure his services for the Alaskan work. His application for membership in the Sacramento Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church is in my hands.

Allow me to say that salary would be a consideration in Mr. Story's case. In other words we could not expect to employ a man of his caliber for a \$1600 salary. I give him the strongest possible indorsements to you and hope that you will be able to secure his services.

Very sincerely your friend,

Wm E. Harrison.



# INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS

FROM M. E. Leo  
TO Dr. Young  
RE: Speaking engagement.

DATE 12/10/20.

Rev. Charles A. Anderson, pastor of the Prospect Street Presbyterian Church, Maplewood, N. J. (which gave a Men's Dinner recently at which you spoke) was in to inquire if they can have you at their church for a morning service and a vesper service at four o'clock in the afternoon on Sunday, February 20, 1921. They can also get you an evening service in the West Orange Church if you so desire. Kindly let me know if you have this date free, so that I can write Mr. Anderson, confirming the tentative engagement which I have made with him for you.



*Dr. Marguerite*

Y. M. C. A.  
Mobile, Alabama  
January 9, 1921.

Rev. S. Hall Young, D. D.,  
New York City.

My dear Dr. Young,

Nearly six years ago, while in California finding health after a nervous breakdown had forced me to temporarily give up preaching, I had the privilege of directing your attention to Dr. and Mrs. F. H. Spence in answer to your plea in The Continent for a medical missionary for Barrow, Alaska. I recall that when the idea was first presented to Dr. Spence he thought it impossible, as he was already past middle life and declared it was a younger man's task. But he and his wife were thoroughly consecrated and eager for service and therefore you succeeded in persuading them to go to Barrow. I remember that the doctor said, "I go not because I feel competent but because no one else will go."

Mrs. Berger and I have corresponded with Dr. and Mrs. Spence at the long intervals possible with Barrows isolation and we have found their letters a wonderful incentive to courage, not only in their stories of the work but in the unconscious heroism we could read between the lines-- the cheerful matter of fact way in which this young-elderly couple from sunny California accepted all the hardships of the sunless Arctic winter and the Eskimos' absence of civilization. Their love and devotion to the natives was most apparent. In fact the only bitterness in their cup seemed to be that during the last year or two what they felt was the spiritual welfare of their people was endangered by the influence of a very few unsympathetic white people there.

Last month we learned that Dr. and Mrs. Spence had returned from



Alaska somewhat broken in health from the long nervous strain and from eye trouble. Since their return there is one thing that has given me concern regarding them. While they were away, as a friend, I had charge of the Doctor's small financial affairs. I therefore have the knowledge that his resources are extremely limited. Because you know I had a hand in their undertaking the work in Alaska I feel that I do not need to apologize for my interest in their welfare and my hope that the Board will look out for them.

I know the Doctor as exceedingly modest and unpushing for any personal advantage. He has said nothing to me regarding the matter beyond the remark in his letter that he did not know the plans of the Board. As you are aware the Spences only became Presbyterians when they went out as our missionaries. I judge, therefore, that they are not sufficiently acquainted with Presbyterian methods to know in just what relation they stand to the Board when not on the field. That they are in a state of uncertainty regarding their future I gather from a phrase in Mrs. Spence's letter to Mrs. Berger--"if the Board give us something to do"--To which she adds, "I hope they will as Dr. needs a change and wants to help".

I have not said so to them, but I take it for granted that the Board considers them on furlough now with the customary stipend, and will give them another appointment at the end of the year. Is not that so? I judge, however that the Spences do not understand the usual procedure. It is for that reason I write you, feeling sure of your interest and hoping that the Spences may be relieved of any possible anxiety during their time of rest and recuperation.

You understand that I write this entirely upon my own initiative, without the knowledge of the Spences. My letter is due to a sense of some responsibility for the Spences as our missionaries, a knowledge of your interest, and faith in the Board's sense of justice and generosity. I am writing I. H. N.

Thanking you for your interest, I am

Yours fraternally

*Edmund Berger*



New Applicant 4 San Anselmo, Calif.  
January. 17. 1921.

Rev. S. Hall Young, D.D.  
New York, N.Y.

Dear Dr. Young:

Some time ago we had the pleasure of meeting Dr and Mrs. Pence from Point Barrow, Alaska. We also became acquainted with Mr. Waggoner from Juneau, who visited us last summer in our work in Washington.

Since meeting these friends we have become quite interested in the Alaska work. Recently I noticed that the churches at Klukswan and Wauzell are vacant at present. This I saw in the report of the Home Board on Alaska.

In regard to these fields we would like to ask what the possibilities are for us in that part of Alaska, if our way should be clear?

We shall be pleased to hear from you at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely yours,  
A. R. Rocker.



# APPLICATION FOR WORK ON A HOME MISSION FIELD

If you want to work in a Home Mission field, please fill out this blank and send it to E. Fred Eastman, Educational Director, Presbyterian Board of Home Missions, 156 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

DATE: .....  
 NAME: J. E. Burkhardt AGE: 47  
 PRESENT ADDRESS: Placeville  
 COLLEGE: Parsons at Fairfield Iowa  
 YEAR OF GRADUATION FROM COLLEGE: 1897  
 THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY: Mc Connick  
 YEAR OF GRADUATION FROM SEMINARY: 1900  
 MEMBER OF PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U. S. A.): Yes  
 If not, what denomination: .....

EXPERIENCE IN PREACHING OR IN OTHER RELIGIOUS WORK: Twin Bridges, Mont., Hamilton, Mont., North Bend, Ore., Roseburg, Ore., Marshfield, Ore., Redding, Calif. & present pastorate.

ARE YOU A CANDIDATE FOR A SEVEN YEAR PERIOD OF SERVICE UNDER THE BOARD: .....  
 OR FOR A SHORTER PERIOD: Five year period.

REFERENCES: ..... ADDRESSES OF REFERENCES: .....  
Mr. W. W. Hackrah, Roseburg, Ore. Rev. W. S. Holt, D. D.  
Rev. E. M. Sharp, D. D., Red Bluff, Calif.  
Rev. W. E. Harrison, D. D., Sacramento, Cal.  
Mr. F. B. Rood, Marshfield, Oregon.

INDICATE BY A CROSS (X) PLACED BEFORE THE WORD YOUR PREFERENCE OF WORK:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Frontier                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Southern Mountains |

INDICATE YOUR PREFERENCE OF STATES:

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5. ....

REMARKS: .....  
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*Applied originally to go to Wrangell in Fairbanks  
Endorsement, first class. Refused to go to Wrangell.  
Has now changed his mind. Might go to Hyakabury*

Placerville, Calif.,  
Jan. 17th 1921.

Rev. S. Hall Young, D.D.,  
New York City.

Dear Dr. Young:-

After receiving the letter I wrote November 9th in which I stated that I could not consider the field at Wrangell, I presume you will be surprised to receive this letter from me. But I have been thinking and praying about the matter ever since, and have at last changed my mind. I well know the possibility that you have already secured some one for the Board to commission for that field. If such is the case just put this in the waste basket. But if not I am sending my application for the Board to consider.

Twenty years ago last spring I completed my course at McCormick Seminary, and came west to take up Home Missionary work in Montana. Six years later I came to Oregon when Dr. W. S. Holt was Superintendent of Home Missions for that Synod. I served several fields there. Probably my best work was at Roseburg, Ore. By consulting the Assembly Minutes 1909-12 you will get some idea of the growth of that Church. They also built a new Church and Manse while I was there as pastor. Dr. Holt knows something of my work and standing while I was in Oregon.

In 1914 I came to California and in the fall took charge of the Church at Redding. That is one of the hardest jobs a man ever tackled. There more than 40 saloons at the time, and the population scarcely 4000. After about a year the Church and manse were destroyed by fire, generally supposed to have been of incendiary origin. But the people rallied and built a better Church and Manse. I was there something over five years and left because of having contracted malaria. I have only been here in Placerville a little over one year, but we have received 40 members, and have just installed a furnace in the Church. The interest is increasing and the outlook for growth very good. But I realize that it will be far easier to secure a man for this field than for Alaska. So I am offering to go to Wrangell if another has not already been secured.

When a boy in Iowa I knew Dr. J. Hays Condit, who was then in Parsons College. However I do not suppose that he has followed my work since I have been in the ministry. Dr. W.E. Harrison of Sacramento, Chm. of the Home Mission Committee of the Sacramento Presbytery knows me well. He could tell something of my work and standing in this Presbytery. The principal elder in the Redding Church while I was laboring there died a year or two ago, or I would give you his name.

With regards to my family, there is just Mrs. Burkhardt and myself. The Lord has not given us any children. We are both in very good health, as my malaria has improved. I have not had an attack since early fall. (I am taking it for granted that there is no malaria at Wrangell. If there is I would not feel it wise for me to go there.)

I hope you will feel free to write to me if there is anything further you wish to know.

Sincerely Yours,

*J. E. Burkhardt*



JAN 20 1921  
MRS. FRED B. HORTON  
17 TOMPKINS AVENUE  
OSSINING, N. Y.

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My dear D. Young -

Please send me the advertising matter for the Alaska lecture as soon as possible in order that I may use it for the notice for the weekly paper on Thursday of this week.

Sincerely yours

May M. Horton.

January 17, 1921.



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January 27, 1921.

Dear Dr. Young:-

I opened the enclosed letter which came with special delivery stamp this morning and because it contains your instructions for travel I am forwarding it immediately to you. I hope that nothing will interfere with your being able to keep this appointment.

I regret extremely the loss of your voice and I am still hoping that there may be some possibility of your going to Ossining for Friday night.

If for any reason you are unable to go to Birmingham I will leave it to you to wire President Grier.

Sincerely yours,



Enclosure.

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Rev. S. Hall Young, D.D.,

Fair Haven, New Jersey.



J. n. 28, 1921.

Rev J. N. Elliott, D.D.  
Normal, Ill.

My dear Dr. Elliott,

Dr. King of the Home Missions Board has been arranging our itineraries for the February trip. I was taken ill and was away from the office almost a week before he had finished making out the list of churches which I was to address. I only returned to the office today and in the meantime Dr. King has returned to St. Louis.

He left a list somewhat incomplete of the churches I was to address with the dates, but there are many omissions in the list. The names of the churches are not given in all cases, and the kind of service desired.

I understand that Dr. King has been arranging this itinerary through you, and therefore, I am writing to you asking you to meet me with a letter addressed in care of Rev. Daniel E. Williamson, First Presbyterian Church, Peoria, Ill. where I am to be next Sunday. I should like to have a complete list of the churches I am to address in your synod, the names and addresses of ministers as far as possible, and the kind of lecture desired. There is one fact to be kept in mind and that is that if the churches desire a lantern on Alaska, they must furnish the lantern, screen and operator, for I take with me only my case of slides.

You may not have all these appointments worked out, but can probably give me my appointments for a week ahead and enable me to arrange the rest by correspondence.

Hoping to hear from you when I arrive, at Peoria, I am,

Very cordially yours,

# Saxman Reclaimed to Paths Of Righteousness Again By Constant Work of Mission

Old Tribal Customs of Saxman Natives are Being Abandoned for the Precepts of Christianity.

(By EMERY F. TOBIN.)

From a community where intemperance and the practice of such as pot-latching were the rule, the town of Saxman, three miles south of Ketchikan, has within the past year been revived into a progressive town, whose every inhabitant has followed the straight and narrow path, and where not a sign of the old evils has been evident.

During the past winter the 125 people there have repaired the church, the Salvation Army hall, and many of the houses, and are planning the introduction of electricity and other improvements. Yet in spite of these measures for good on the part of the inhabitants, thirty children are growing up in ignorance there owing to the failure of the government in the last eight years to furnish teachers.

The town of Saxman is inhabited only three months of the year. These are the months of November, December and January. Beginning about the first of February the people scatter, going to many other quarters on their fishing or hunting expeditions. During the rest of the year it is practically deserted.

In the six winters previous to last winter, this season of the year, when all the native inhabitants were at home, was spent to a great extent in carousing and intemperance. No regular church services were held there and the community was entirely neglected by the government, as it is today.

With the coming of the Rev. F. R. Falconer, who revived the services of the Presbyterian church there during the winter of 1919 and continued them this season, the town has transformed itself and the evil is no longer tolerated. The town government has reorganized itself under a mayor and council of seven, and is doing good administrative work.

Every member of the community as far as can be determined, has been a church-goer during the past three months and they have put the

Through Dr. Sheldon Jackson, general agent of education for Alaska, a school building was built in 1895, and James W. Young was appointed as the first government teacher. Mr. Young not only taught but preached to the natives, and started at Saxman, a town government. Mr. Young was assisted in his work by his daughter, and occasionally by some of the members of his family that came to visit him at Saxman.

In September of 1898, the Rev. Edward Marsden, now at Metlakatla, who is a graduate of the Sitka Industrial school in the class of 1890; of Marietta College in 1895 and of Lane Theological Seminary in 1898, was appointed and commissioned to Saxman and the vicinity.

The Rev. ~~Falconer~~ Marsden preached regularly to the Saxman people from 1898 till about 1912 during the fall and winter months. During the early part of his work there was a good attendance but it fell off very greatly until he was sent to Metlakatla.

Saxman was known only as a mission station until the winter of 1902, when, through the assistance of Dr. S. Hall Young, General Missionary for Alaska, a regular church organization was affected. January 1902, marked the beginning of a regular church organization at Saxman.

Dr. John L. Meyers, well known in Ketchikan, was sent to Saxman from Kansas as medical missionary to the people in November, 1904, and remained there until he came to Ketchikan shortly afterward. During the years from 1902, when the first collection was made for it, to 1905, steps were taken to secure a church building. This was accomplished in 1905, and the church was dedicated in December of that year. Until then, services has been held in the school.

## Back to Old Customs.

Following the Rev. Marsden's transfer to Metlakatla and the Ketchikan stations, no missionary was sent to the village until Rev. Falconer took up the work. The natives to a great degree went back to their old customs and intemperance grew.

The practice of potlatching was resumed, and many a native lost his accumulated wealth of years of

strong hold on the adherents of the old religion, and if some one had recently died his relatives would have no peace of mind until they had done away with their own goods through the pot-latch, which consisted of destroying or giving away all the goods the dead person might require. So long as the living relatives had use of any article, the spirit of the dead would not.

## Christianity Once More.

This belief has practically disappeared now and is no longer practiced at Saxman and very little elsewhere. The inhabitants are fairly prosperous, and as an indication of their industriousness it might be mentioned that one troller returned yesterday with forty salmon after a few days fishing.

The town council this week is making efforts to secure electricity for lighting the church, Salvation Army hall, streets, and some of the houses. They have made application for power from the transmission line of the New England Fish Company, which runs near the village. The arrangements are in the hands of the Citizens' Light, Power & Water Company here. In another week or so the inhabitants will again be leaving their homes till the next winter season, when more than ever before they hope for a good, progressive community.



is no longer tolerated. The town government has reorganized itself under a mayor and council of seven, and is doing good administrative work.

Every member of the community as far as can be determined, has been a church-goer during the past three months and they have put the house of worship back in order after it had fallen into a state of delapidation. For nearly seven years it had been entirely neglected and unused. Now the roof has been re-shingled, the collapsed stairway to the church rebuilt, and the interior put back into shape.

Throughout the winter months regular services have been conducted by the Rev. Falconer of Ketchikan every Sunday morning and afternoon, and also during the week by the Salvation Army, headed by James Starish. During the Christmas holidays the church was beautifully and appropriately decorated by the members and much interest was taken in the observance of the Yuletide.

#### Appeals for School Fail.

There is a good government school building in the village, but this during the past seven or eight years has been unoccupied. Appeals to the United States Bureau of Education by Rev. Falconer for a teacher have been without avail, the bureau considering the time the children are there too short for the inauguration again of school activities and the difficulty of getting a teacher for so short a time too great.

As a consequence of the lack of schooling it is said the natives there show a greater proportion of illiteracy than any similar community in Alaska. The parents have shown themselves eager to secure schooling for their children and have offered to let their children remain in the village, to go to school while they disperse to their various spring and summer occupations. During the coming year Rev. Mr. Falconer intends to make further efforts to secure a teacher for the school, this time through the Territorial Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Henderson.

The town of Saxman was founded in the fall of 1894 by the Tongass and Cape Fox tribes for the purpose of bringing these two small nations together. The site of Saxman, then a wilderness, was named for a former Presbyterian missionary, who lost his life in the winter of 1887 while on a canoe trip from Port Tongass to Annette Island in the interest of the Tongass tribe. With Louis Paul, this missionary was looking over the present site of Metlakatla, as a suitable one for the settlement.

chikan stations, no missionary was sent to the village until Rev. Falconer took up the work. The natives to a great degree went back to their old customs and intemperance grew.

The practice of potlatching was resumed, and many a native lost his accumulated wealth of years of work through one such festival. Numerous deaths caused an increase in general depression, and in potlatching.

According to the old native chief, when a member of their tribe died, he traveled to the happy hunting grounds, first passing through a large forest. Then he would come to a large lake and there he could see across to the land of joy, with happy sprites dancing merrily. On the opposite shore there would be a boat-man with his craft. Though the traveler called again and again in a loud voice, the boat-man, so the story goes, would make no sign, till at last, the spirit of the departed would become tired and lay down preparatory to going to sleep. Then he would yawn, and the boat-man, hearing the yawn, would row over and get him.

Even when the traveler from the mortal world reached the other side his troubles would not be over, according to the belief, unless his friends or relatives here sent something to him. If he go to a fire, the other spirits would warn him to keep away, because, "no fire had been sent to him." If he ask for a blanket, it would be denied because his mortal friends had sent none to him, and so on, whether it was food or any other comfort or necessity.

The means his relatives had of sending articles to the departed, was by the custom of pot-latching. They thought that a departed relative might be lacking some comfort because none had been sent him by his mortal relatives, secured a very

# INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS

FROM Dr. Marquis  
TO Dr. Young  
RE:

DATE January 31, 1921

Do you know these men and do you recommend them as qualified for  
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Feb. 4, 1921.

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Rev. S. Hall Young, D. D.  
c/o Rev. P. E. Williamson,  
312 Bigelow St.,  
Peoria, Ill.

My dear Dr. Young:-

Your letter received this morning. Your  
schedule as arranged is as follows:-

Feb. 6, Peoria First, A. M.,  
" 6, Peoria Arcadia, P. M.,  
" 7, Kewanee,  
" 8, Aledo.  
" 9, Rock Island.  
" 10, Galesburg (doubtful)  
" 11, Monmouth (Doubtful)

Feb. 13th., Dr. King writes me that you are ex-  
pected to fill engagements in New York State on that date, so  
have cancelled appointments in Illinois. Feb. 14, 15, 16,  
17, and 18th. to be arranged. Dr. King suggested that you  
take Dr. Mack's place for that week.

Feb. 20, Alton First, A. M.,  
" 21, Newton,  
" 22, Assumption,  
" 23, Newman,  
" 24th., and 25th. not filled.  
" 27, Champaign First, A. M.,  
" 27, Urbana, P. M.,  
Mar. 1, El Paso,  
" 2, Chenoa,  
" 3, Stanford,  
" 4, Gilman cancelled,  
" 6, Monticello A. M.,  
" 6, Probably Bement, P. M.,  
" 8, Lexington,  
" 9, Fairbury,  
" ~~10th. and 11th. to be filled~~  
" 13, Clinton, A. M., and P. M.,

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Rev. S. H. Y. D. D. #2-

On account of the uncertainty as to who would represent the National Board the achedule as at first arranged was necessarily changed, but I think we have enough appointments to keep you busy while in Illinois. We are very glad indeed that you are to be with us. Will keep you informed of any changes that need to be made in your itinerary.

Very cordially yours,

*J. N. Elliott*

JNE-AS.

Address-  
1119 E. Monroe St.,  
Bloomington, Ill.



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THE BIRMINGHAM SCHOOL, INC.,  
BIRMINGHAM, PENN'A.

February 5, 1921.

Dr. S. Hall Young,

New York City, N.Y.

My dear Dr. Young;

Needless to say, we all were much disappointed not to have the pleasure of seeing and hearing you on Sunday last. It was Mr. Grier's intention to write you immediately but he was rushed with preparations for his departure for a short vacation in Florida, and asked me to write you, telling you how sorry we were to know you were ill, and that we hoped to have you come to us later. Your letter this morning brings another disappointment, as the only Sunday you say you can give us is during our Easter vacation, April 3rd. If it should happen that you could come to

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us for the second Sunday in April, we should be more than delighted. Perhaps you could exchange the first Sunday for the second, with those to whom you have promised the second Sunday. We do want you to come to Birmingham again before you leave for Alaska.

Trusting this will find you in much better health, and with all good wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

*Alvin L. Fallon*  
Secretary.



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CARBONS OF CORRESPONDENCE CONCERNING THEM ADD TENTH HANNACITY ELEVENTH  
MONMOUTH SEND LEAFLETS ABOUT MY BOOKS CONSULT KELLY

S HALL YOUNG.

Feb. 9, 1921.

Miss Alice W. Fallon,  
Secretary,  
The Birmingham School,  
Birmingham, Pa.

My dear Miss Fallon,

Your letter of the 5th inst. came to hand.

Dr. Young is at present in Illinois, lecturing, and will be there for the month of February. Upon his return, I shall call his attention to your letter and your suggestion for an appointment for the second Sunday in April.

Very sincerely yours,



Peoria, Illinois  
February 10, 1921

Rev. William R. King, D. D.,  
Illinois Hotel,  
Bloomington, Illinois

Dear Dr. King:

I received yours of Feb. 7 with revised itinerary at Rock Island, yesterday.

Dr. McEwen and Mr. Smock were with me at Kewanee, Alledo, and Rock Island. We had good meetings at all three places but no men's supper and no literature reached us until yesterday at Rock Island.

All three of us spoke at Kewanee the 7th, just an evening meeting. I selected about two thirds of the slides in my case and gave a lantern lecture after the others had had their innings.

At Alledo Mr. Arriok had arranged for an afternoon meeting, but it was so muddy that there not many from the country or the other churches. Dr. McEwen and Mr. Smock spoke in the afternoon and I had the evening to myself. A good crowd and plenty of enthusiasm.

Yesterday at Rock Island Drs. Stevenson and Oglesby and also the Pastor of the Central Church where we met had all been under the impression that I was alone and had made no provision for any other addressors, therefore, I occupied the whole evening and there was a big attendance. I gave my full illustrated lecture. Mr. Smock made a short talk and introduced me, but Dr. McEwen refused to speak. There was a supper after the address but no opportunity to address the men in particular. However, I put the situation as forcibly as I could before the audience.

The letter I got yesterday from you said to go direct from Rock Island to Monmouth but Dr. Pence and Dr. Williamson had arranged for me to go to Hanna City and they are expecting me there tonight. I have received a bundle of literature here and shall distribute it at Hanna City and Monmouth.

I expect to come back to this Hotel on Monday, The Jefferson Hotel, Peoria and remain until Wednesday when I go to Gibson City.

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I am to address the Rotary Club of Peoria at this Hotel tomorrow noon.

I note what you say about Clinton wishing me on March 13th. It is impossible for me to remain in Illinois after March 9th. There is the budget and the report to the boards for me to prepare and other work that cannot be deferred, so let my appointment in New York stand for the 13th of March. Please tell Mr. Kelly

I think, Dr. King, that it was a mistake not to have collections at these meetings. The people seem anxious and seem to expect a collection. They would at least without hesitation, pay the expenses of us, from place to place and not have this heavy item fall on the board.

I am feeling better every day and enjoying the itinerary. If you find occasion to fill the vacant dates, do not hesitate to do so.

Very cordially yours,

Y/L



17 WEST GILMAN STREET

MADISON, WISCONSIN

Feb 10<sup>th</sup> 1921

Dr S. H. Bellamy  
New York.

My dear Dr. Bellamy. I  
have your letter of Feb 3 and as I  
have been so extremely busy  
since our return this is the first  
minute I have had time to think  
my reply - which is still very  
indefinite except as to one vital  
point i.e. The expenses.

It does not look to me  
now as tho I could possibly  
shed more than \$1,000. for my own  
pleasure & benefit this year outside  
my actual necessities at home.  
Our trip South & East together cost  
us around 600. and there are so  
many worthy calls and claims  
I can not push aside I think  
2000 is out of my reach unless  
I make 1 or 2 unexpected profitable

17 WEST GILMAN STREET

MADISON, WISCONSIN

Trades soon - not yet in sight,  
while we work among the 40 days  
values on some of my securities  
shrank perceptibly and I am  
working hard to save further loss.  
I am hoping that soon as Mr. [unclear]  
of the new cabinet get under motion  
the things will be flattened with  
a little and the [unclear] back for  
"Oh Yoa - Did it ruin" is about  
what has happened with values  
all over the west in last 40 days.  
I am so glad for you to go back to  
your [unclear] - your [unclear]  
experiences of service and some as  
Dr. Dwight states I shall see you  
I write again, for is all [unclear]  
after good material. Is it possible  
to get a list of [unclear] of [unclear]  
a [unclear] [unclear] & success it  
[unclear] I am such for [unclear] & [unclear]  
to include [unclear] [unclear] also.  
much much love & [unclear] and wishes to [unclear]  
I am sincerely [unclear]



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S HALL YOUNG

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Phoned Mrs. Kleinschmidt  
Emd.

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S. HALL YOUNG,  
SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE

Mourmouth, Ill. Sat. Feb 12, 1921

Miss Julia E. Dodge,  
156 Fifth Ave, N. Y. C.

Dear Miss Julia;

Yours of the 7<sup>th</sup> with enclosures reached

me at Hanna Thurs the 10<sup>th</sup>. Thanks, over for your  
care and suggestions.

A letter from D. King, dated 10<sup>th</sup>, makes two  
changes in my itinerary for next week:

Feb 16<sup>th</sup> I am to be at Pontiac, Ill., instead of Gibson City.  
18<sup>th</sup> Bethany, Mo., Danville, Mo., Rev. W. H. Galt.

Please, show Essie of these changes. I shall dictate

letter to you Mon. from Hotel Jefferson,

Peoria, where I shall be Mon & Tues - 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>.

Had fine large meetings 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> at Hanna &  
Mourmouth. I also addressed the Rotary Club at  
Peoria, at Noon, yesterday the 11<sup>th</sup>. Also extra meeting Rock P.  
the 9<sup>th</sup>. Am standing the work well. Tell Kelley of Chicago.

Warm regards to you all.

S. Hall Young.



Feb. 14, 1921.

Rev. Wm. E. Harrison, D.D.,  
1431 15th St.,  
Sacramento, Cal.

My dear Dr. Harrison:-

Your letter of February 1st with the request that Rev. W. E. Story's application for work in the Alaskan field be reconsidered, is to hand.

Dr. Young, is at present, away from the office on a lecture tour in Illinois, where he will be for the month of February.

Upon his return I shall call his attention to your letter.

Cordially yours,

Feb. 14, 1921.

Mrs. Alaska Young Klanschmidt,  
Fairhaven,  
New Jersey.

Dear Mrs. Klanschmidt,

Enclosed are a few letters addressed to Dr. Young:-

One from Mr. Weaver of Madison, Wisconsin  
One from The Klondike Clan, Batavia, N. Y.  
One from President-Elect Harding's secretary  
and a telegram from Mr. Campbell, Jr.

I have written to Dr. Young, telling him of the receipt of these letters and informing him that they were being sent to you.

In such cases as were necessary I have sent a note to the effect that Dr. Young was away from his office and that upon his return, the letter should be brought to his attention.

Cordially yours,

Secretary.



Anchorage, Alaska,  
Feb. 14th. 1921.

Rev. S. Hall Young. Esq.,  
156 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Young:-

Enclosed please find a clipping of interest.  
Some differ as to when the ends of steel will be connected.  
This prevents accepting the statements as final. However,  
you will enjoy the article.

We came in about Oct. 15th. Found the men  
had worked hard to have everything running. We at once  
took hold. I feel pleased with the response. We are getting  
results.

The mouse was about as comfortable as a boil  
on the back of ones neck. The heating plant is N. S. I  
doubt if it ever will be. We are trying to make it so. In the  
meantime using between 3 and 4 tons of coal a month.  
We pay \$12.00 per ton. Surely we can get the coal.

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Our difficulty is how to pay for it. Each month since coming we find the salary insufficient to meet the actual living expenses.

The lumber used was green. It has opened. Drafts all about down stairs. Wonderful house for appearances but that is about all there is to praise when it is 20 to 30 below outside.

However, the Trustees are becoming somewhat interested. We had some great experience meetings. It took tact and about all else for awhile.

The reports of the Sheerers are good. The carpets we discussed were laid for them. \$300.00 expended making them comfortable. They should be very cozy.

How is that trip coming on? We want to see you. Could talk for a week. Both are well, fitting in, accepted by town, and very busy.

Joining in best wishes, asking to be remembered to Mrs. Klinesmith and the three Graces, believe us as always.

Most cordially yours,

Rev. and Mrs. W.

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M.



Feb. 14, 1921.

Mr. I. Weaver,  
17 West Gilman St.,  
Madison, Wisconsin.

Dear Mr. Weaver,

Your letter of the 10th inst. is to hand.

Dr. Young, is at present, away from his office on a lecture tour in Illinois, where he will be for the month of February.

Upon his return, however, I shall refer your letter to him for his attention.

Cordially,

Secretary.

Feb. 14, 1921.

Dr. S. Hall Young,  
c/o Rev. W. A. Galt,  
Bethany Church,  
Danville, Ill.

Dear Dr. Young,

Your letter of the 12th is to hand. I have just phoned your daughter about the change in your schedule, and have also had Dr. Kelly make note of same.

Your mail for the past few days consists of:-

Two requests for lecture appointments; one from the Birmingham School - they were sorry to learn that you had been ill and was thus unable to lecture to them at the last appointed time, and hope you will be able to arrange your program so that you can lecture for them the second Sunday in April. They state that the first Sunday in April, is during their Easter vacation, and suggest that you perhaps you could exchange the first Sunday for the second with those to whom you have promised the second Sunday. The other letter is from Rev. Chas. A. Wilson of The First Presbyterian Church, Casper, Wyoming, and he says that they are looking forward to the prospect of a visit from you and have written to Cheyenne for an appointment.

There is also a letter at hand from Rev. Wm. E. Harrison of Westminster Presbyterian Church, Sacramento, Cal., asking you to reconsider the application of Rev. W. E. Story, pastor of the Federated Church at Fair Oaks, California, for work in Alaska. He states that on account of changed conditions, Mr. Story will be able to go for the amount you offered, \$1600. I have written Rev. Harrison and told him you were away from the office, but upon your return would refer the letter to you.

A telegram came this morning, reading as follows:-

Feb. 12, 1921.

"Dad slept away peacefully at five thirty this morning."

J. S. Campbell, Jr.



A letter has come from Mr. Weaver, which reads as follows:-

"I have your letter of Feb. 3, and as I have been so extremely busy since our return this is the first minute I have had time to think my reply - which is still very indefinite, except as to our vital point i.e. our expenses.

It does not look to me now as tho I could possibly spend more than \$1000. for my own pleasure and benefit this year outside my actual necessities at home. Our trip south and east together cost us around \$600. and there are so many worthy calls and claims, I can not push aside. I think \$2000. is out of my reach unless I make one or two unexpected and profitable trades soon- not yet in sight. While we were away the 40 days values on some of my securities shrunk perceptibly and I am working hard to save further losses. I am hoping that soon as Mr. Harding and the new cabinet get under motion and the lumps will be flattened out a little on the camels back for "Oh Noah, Didn't it rain" is about what has happened with values all over the west in the last 90 days. I am so glad you are to to back and renew and enlarge your Alaskan experience and service and soon as Dr. Dwight returns I shall see him and write again. He is away north now after zoo material. Isn't it possible to get a different schedule of expenses adequate for comfort and success at around \$1000 each for say four men, to include your expense also?

With much love and all good wishes to you, I am,

Sincerely,

Weaver."

A letter has come from President-Elect Warren G. Harding's secretary, stating that as soon as Senator Harding returns from his visit to Florida, where he is for a period of rest before entrance upon his new duties, your letter will be brought to his attention as soon as practicable.

A letter from the Klondike Clan thanking you for your gift to the "Clan" of a set of your works, completes the stack of correspondence received for you. Enclosed in this letter is a list of the members of the Klan.

With all good wishes, I am,

Sincerely,

Peoria, Illinois  
February 14, 1921

Varian Banks, Asst. Treasurer,  
Board of Home Missions,  
156 Fifth Ave.,  
New York City

My dear Mr. Banks:

I herewith send you my expense account from February 1st to 14th.

Just a word in explanation of this large account. First Dr. King wrote to the churches at which he placed me that howcol-lections were to be taken and that I was to be placed as far as possible in Hotels. Second, my clerical order is not good on most of these roads in Illinois and my itinerary zigzags me from one part of the state to the other.

I have only received so far, \$20.00 towards my expenses which will be turned in when I reach New York.

I shall send in another account February 28th. I expect to reach New York about March 11th.

Will you kindly send a check for this account at once, directing it either in care of Rev. W. A. Galt, Danville, (Bethany Church) where I am to be Friday, the 18th or care of the Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Alton, Illinois?

The money I have with me will be expended by the end of this week. I am to be at Alton next Sunday.

I am having a very busy but a very pleasant and enthusiastic time and my cold is much better.

With warm regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,



EXPENSE ACCOUNT OF S. HALL YOUNG WITH  
BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS

February 1st to 14th, 1921

Presbyteries of Brooklyn-Nassau, Peoria, Rock River,  
and Rushville

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| Railroad and Trolleys         | \$54.25  |
| Hotels and Meals              | 29.25    |
| Porters and Taxis             | 10.20    |
| Telephone and Telegraph       | 2.55     |
| Steno., stamps and stationery | 8.20     |
|                               | <hr/>    |
|                               | \$104.45 |

Peoria, Illinois  
February 15, 1921

Rev. John Dixon, D. D.,  
156 Fifth Ave.,  
New York City

Dear Dr. Dixon:

I am the same old peripathetic and am careering over the prairies of Illinois in this glorious weather with as much delight as possible in a country where you cannot see a mountain or even a respectable hill. If I were condemned to live in Illinois I think that I should pray the Lord to pick up a mountain, not to cast it into the sea but to put it down on these prairies.

I am keeping very busy, as you may know. Dr. King filled my schedule for these five weeks that I am to spend in Illinois and the churches are crowding them still fuller. I had two appointments to begin with in Peoria, the First and Arcadia churches, then the Rotary Club wanted me to come back and address them last Friday noon and now I am to speak at the Calvary Church tonight. While the Pastor of the Second church is sending off a shief of letters to Drs. King and Elliott in the attempt to lasso me before I leave the state. That is all right, however, as I like to have people want me and I am feeling more and more fit every day.

I am anxious to hear from you all about Alaska, the Board Etc. And there is one thing that I am very anxious to hear about right now. You will remember that I left with you my letter to President Elect Harding with the request that Dr. Thompson write him a letter introducing me. I have not heard from you or from Dr. Thompson. I hope that the letter was sent and Dr. Thompson's with it. I am thinking of writing a letter to Will H. Hays on the same subject. The more I think of the Alaska situation the more anxious I am that Harding may not make the fatal mistake of President Taft. That mistake of lending himself to the schemes of the Morgan Guggenheim syndicate with its consequent scandals and troubles did as much to discredit President Taft and his administration as any one thing. Harding ought to be made to understand this and no time should be lost in impressing the facts upon him.

I am writing to Dr. Marquis about my own suggested plans and I hope you will read the letter and do what you can to push him to a decision and the executive council and the board as well so that I may be able to write to the parties in Alaska and out of it with whom I will have to correspond and with whom I will have to do if I go to Alaska.



I wish you would write to Bruce or Wagner and Condit about the Tillie Paul Tamaree matter. We may not understand the situation here but let them consider whether she does not deserve payment for her services in the absence of the pastor. As I will be in Illinois four weeks longer, you will have to take that matter up direct with her from Headquarters.

I am standing this itinerary better than I expected. The weather is wonderfully fine just now. It is not a case of winter lingering in the lap of Spring but of plump young spring bouncing down into the lap of old Winter.

I am mailing you copies of Christian work and the Saturday Evening post which have articles by Dr. McClaren of Philadelphia and Mr. Ellis, presumably the editor of the Continent. I think you will agree with me that McClaren's article must have been written when he was in the throes of dyspepsia. It was a little theggonachiest and most pessimistic of any of the articles that I have seen on the church situation of the present day. I like Ellis' article. It is constructive and McClaren's is simple destructive.

I would like to get a letter from you after you have read those articles and in answer to the questions I have asked in this. Miss Dodge will keep you informed as to my movements and direct you where to send your letters.

With much love, I am,

Your devoted friend.,

Peoria, Ill  
Feb. 15, 1921

Rev. John A. Marquis, D. D. L. D.,  
156 Fifth Ave.,  
New York City:

Dear Dr. Marquis:

I hope you are feeling as fit and brisk as I am. My cold is about mastered and my voice has come back. I am having a very strenuous time as the churches in Illinois as Rotary Clubs etc. are seeing to it that I have no idle days. We are having glorious weather and I am having big congregations and a good deal of enthusiasm manifested.

Doubtless Dr. King was wise in telling the pastors of Illinois that this was not a drive for funds but simply a campaign of information. However, I am asked nearly every place to take a collection and in many cases after the meetings the pastors have been criticised by not striking while the iron was hot. I do not think that collections and the signing of cards at these meetings would have detracted anything from the new era drive of next month, because many of those who attend the illustrated lectures are not members of the churches and who are willing and able to give are not members. I think we could have got a considerable sum from the "friendly citizens."

However, am not asking the churches for anything now but I am sending big expense bills in to Banks.

I hope that you have recovered your health fully and are in the office.

I am sending you herewith in outline the suggestion for my next summer's work. Do not take this as a final plan but simply as a working suggestion to be modified as you and the board see fit.

First I should start to Alaska the middle or last of April. Requested by the Board to go to Wrangell and take care of that church until Diven arrives. The Home Mission of the Presbytery and Dr. Condit should be notified of this action of the board, without leaving the question to be settled by Dr. Condit. Let them understand that I am going to get material for books and lectures and that my travelling expenses to that place are to be paid by the special fund given me for the projected survey which failed.



In regard to the financing of this journey and my residence at Wrangell none of this should come from the board unless there are extra journeys or expenses incurred for the sake of the board. I do not think it wise for me to do anything in the matter of building the new house at Wrangell as that ought to be left to the Home Missions committee and Mr. Diven. I shall have the bulk of my salary go to my daughter, reserving a small part of it to meet my personal expenses at Wrangell. Second After Dr. Diven arrives at Wrangell if there is work to do at Hydaburg or Citka I should go to one or both of these places and remain until the pastor arrived, collecting material for my books and also taking care of these missions. If there is any special evangelistic work that I can do in that region I shall be glad to undertake it but great care should be taken by the board and myself not to appear to "usurp the prerogatives" of any of the good brethren of Alaska. Third: From the first of September I am asking the board to grant me a vacation of two months or more that I may go on a big hunt to the Southwest. I took no vacation last summer and have not had an extended vacation since 1913. I need it. I am not promising to get a moose head to balance my caribou head but intend to try for one. Three rich hunters, two from Madison, Wisconsin and the other Philadelphia have renewed their propositions to me to manage this hunt, engaging guides, gasoline boat, etc., and they propose to pay my expenses in consideration of such services. This will include my travelling expenses from Alaska back to New York.

I would like the board to take action on this matter as soon as possible so that I may confidently make all preparations for the trip.

If the board will appropriate a small sum for the securing of new photographs and other materials from different parts of the territory I think that I can make a couple of lectures that will be as much better than the present lectures delivered by myself and used by the board as they are better than the most of the other lectures of the board.

Please let me hear from you on this subject. Miss Dodge will give you my itinerary.

With warm regard to yourself and all in the office, I am,

Yours devoted friend,

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Peoria, Ill.

My dear Miss Julia:

Will you kindly mail me another  
package of my letter-heads and envelopes.  
It takes a great many letters to keep my  
appointments in order.

Have only read the one letter from you  
which I answered last week.

Please send me any copies of the Alaska  
Dispatch which may be in the office.

Please get from Miss Fugrohn and  
Dr. Dixon the copy of <sup>list of</sup> Alaska missions &  
missionaries, and the budget of the present year  
which they promised to send me, that I may  
write the Alaska part of the Board's Report.

Am feeling first-rate and enjoying this  
wonderful weather.

Cordially

S. Hall Young



Feb. 18, 1921.

Dr. S. Hall Young,  
c/o Pastor of Presbyterian Church,  
Assumption,  
Ill.

Dear Dr. Young,

Your letter of the 16th from Peoria came to hand this morning and I am glad to note that you are feeling well and enjoying your trip.

Under separate cover I am sending you some of your letterheads and envelopes, and trust this supply will fill your needs. Enclosed in the same parcel is also a copy of "The Alaska Dispatch", the reports on Alaska missions and missionaries, and the budget for the present year that you asked for.

I have written you two letters addressed in care of Rev. Edward L. Gibson, Alton, Ill., which I trust you have received by now.

I am enclosing herewith copies of a few letters received here for you.

Sincerely,

Feb. 19, 1921.

Mr. Delavan L. Pierson,  
156 Fifth Ave.,  
New York City.

Dear Mr. Pierson,

In reply to your letter of the 17th, Dr. Young is at present away from his office on a lecture tour of Illinois, where he will be for the month of February and the first week of so of March.

Upon his return, I shall see that your letter is brought to his attention.

Yours very truly,

Secretary.



Champaign, Ill.  
Feb. 26, 1921

Rev. John Dixon, D.D.  
156 Fifth Avenue  
New York City

Dear Dr. Dixon:

Yours of Feb. 18th is at hand. Thank you for it and for your care for my interest.

My letter to Dr. Marquis was hardly a matter for the executive council to handle. However, I am not criticising your bringing it before them. I only question the adequacy of that council to judge such an affair in the absence of Dr. Marquis. They did well however, and you did well to reserve all decision about my Alaska trip until Dr. Marquis' return from Cuba.

Dr. Marquis has already expressed himself as favorable to my going to Wrangell and perhaps to Sitka. In a letter I have received from Rev. Chas. A. Wilson of Casper, Wyo., he speaks of Dr. Marquis having told him that I was going to the coast the coming spring and could stop in Wyoming to fill some appointments. Dr. Marquis himself told me of having received Mr. Wilson's letter and answered it in this way.

As to the expression he made adverse to my hunt in the fall. I think that that was made before he fully understood what I was asking.

I am writing him another letter supplementary to my first which I hope you will see. I am reminding him that I have not taken any vacation for the last two summers but have been present in the office every week. Both summers I was the only one of our trio who are concerned in Alaska affairs, to be present for a month and carried on the correspondence alone.

I hardly think under these circumstances that he will deny me a vacation of two months next summer.

If I put this hunt thru besides affording fresh material for Alaska lectures and for my books, the hunters who pay my expenses will also pay my fare from Alaska back

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to New York, thus relieving the Board and myself of a large item.

Miss Dodge will give you my addresses to the end of my itinerary here and if there is time I wish you would let me know Dr. Marquis' reply to my request.

In one of Miss Dodge's letters to me, she mentions having a letter in hand from Rev. Wm. E. Harrison of Westminster Presbyterian Church, Sacramento, Calif., asking us to reconsider the application of Rev. W. E. Story for work in Alaska.

I thought that I had made it clear to Miss Dodge that she was to hand all such letters to you for immediate answer. I have directed her to give you the letter at once if she has not already done so. It would be impossible for me to handle the Alaska correspondence or any part of it while I am traveling like this except letters that are personal in their character.

If you have a copy of Dr. Thompson's letter of introduction to President-Elect Harding, I wish you would have Miss Dodge send it to me. I am preparing a supplementary letter to Will. H. Hays, newly appointed Postmaster-General, dealing with Alaska political matters, more in detail and asking him to use his influence as a christian man and on behalf of the christian missions in Alaska with Mr. Harding to deliver us from the impending danger of Guggenheim Dominance.

Do you receive the two articles I sent you from Dr. McClaren and Mr. Ellis? You did not mention them in your letter. I would like to have your opinion of them. I expect to be in the office March 11th, but would like to hear from you before I start East.

Most cordially your devoted friend,

Y-W

P.S. I am inclosing a letter to Dr. B. L. Myers and am asking that you complete the address. I am rather provoked that his letter to me which I at once referred to Dr. Marquis for reply, was not returned to me and therefore I could not answer. I felt that it was a matter which belonged to Dr. Marquis. I am explaining the reason to Dr. Myers why I did not answer the letter. Please forward my reply to him.



Champaign, Illinois  
Feb. 26th, 1921

Ref. Chas. A. Wilson  
Casper, Wyoming

Dear Mr. Wilson:

Your letter of February 4th was forwarded to me here in Illinois, where I am conducting a five weeks itinerary. I can only give you a short letter this morning.

I cannot tell at present when I shall start West and probably will not know until I return to New York which will be about March 11th. I shall let you know in time for you to make the necessary arrangements for lectures in Casper and Cheyenne.

I am more than pleased at the great spiritual success of your work in Casper. I am not surprised at it, however. May God bless you still more!

It is probable that I shall only spend one Sunday and two or three week days in Wyoming as I go through. Is Casper near enough to Cheyenne to have both meetings on one Sunday? If they are not near enough together, I can spend a Sunday either with you or at Cheyenne as you may arrange and give the other place a lantern lecture on a week day.

You had better write me at my office which I will reach March 11th.

With warm regards to Mrs.  
Wilson and yourself, I am

As always your good friend,

SHY-BW

Champaign, Ill.  
Feb. 26, 1921

Dr. B. L. Myers  
Boston, Mass.

My dear Dr. Myers:

I am on an itinerary of five weeks here in Illinois. A recent letter from Dr. Dixon speaks of your having called upon him to talk about affairs at Metlakatla. He stated that I had not replied to your last letter.

I owe you an apology for my delay and yet the fault is not altogether mine. The letter was a very important one and required action by Dr. Marquis. On account of my peculiar position in the Board and of Dr. Condit's feeling in the matter I have refrained as far as possible from doing anything more than add my advice to that of my Chief.

You, of course, understand that the Board was helpless to prevent the organization of the Metlakatla church. We did all that we could to prevent the division of that community and we deplore the fact that we were unable to accomplish what we desired.

I presume Dr. Marquis has sent you the full correspondence or will do so. I am not writing any letters on this subject to Alaska. I prefer to leave the matter in the hands of Dr. Marquis where it belongs.

I am expecting to spend two or three months at Wrangell the coming summer and of course shall stop at Ketchikan, but shall keep my mouth shut about Metlakatla affairs.

I expect to be back in my office March 11th and shall be glad to hear from you or to see you then.

With warm regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

BHY-BW



Feb. 26, 1921.

Mrs. W. M. Scott,  
637 Beechwood Ave.,  
Carnegie, Pa.

My dear Mrs. Scott,

We are in receipt, this morning, of your check for ten dollars (\$10.00), for the Alaska Building Fund, which was so kindly donated by Miss R. W. Shawhan, for which please accept our sincerest thanks.

Dr. Young is at present away from his office, but upon his return I shall see that the check is given to him for his care.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary.

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Feb. 28, 1921

## OFFICIAL RELATION OF WOMEN IN THE CHURCH.

Dear Dr. Young:-

Addressing you as Chairman of one of the Assembly's Special Committees, I would remind you of the Assembly's Rule, that all Reports of Special Committees must be in this office 40 days prior to the convening of the Assembly. That is, it must be in by April 9th, as the printer gives no assurance of his being able to get into the BlueBook any material reaching him at a later date. Of course, I shall be glad indeed to receive it as <sup>much</sup> earlier as you may be able to forward it.

Let me express the confident expectation that your Report will be typewritten, neat and correct, and "shipshape" in every respect, so that it will need no "editing" and I shall need only to direct the printer to "follow copy."

May I venture to add that much is being said as to the desirability of reducing the number of pages in the Assembly Minutes because the volume has become bulky and unwieldy, and postage thereon is quite an item of expense to the Assembly's Treasury. It has been suggested that all Committees might be willing to give this matter due consideration in the framing of their Reports for the next Assembly.

With kind regards and best wishes, I am

Yours cordially,

*J. M. Hubbert*

Acting Stated Clerk

Rev. S. Hall Young, D.D.,  
New York City, N. Y.

PLEASE ACKNOWLEDGE THIS.

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*Champaign, Ill.*

*Mar 1, 1921*

*Expense Account of S. Hall Young, Mar 15-28, '21.*

*Presbyteries of Altam, Peoria, Mattoon & Bloomington.*

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|  | \$           |
| Railroads and Trolleys - - - - -               | 19.85        |
| Hotels and Meals - - - - -                     | 56.70        |
| Porters and Taxis - - - - -                    | 5.30         |
| Telegrams and Telephones - - - - -             | 1.15         |
| Stenographers, Stationery and Stamps - - - - - | 8.00         |
|  | <u>91.00</u> |

*S. Hall Young*



Expense account of S. Hall Young from March 1st to March 31st,  
1921.  
Presbyteries of Bloomington, Mattoon, Peoria, and New York City.

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| Railroads & Trolleys      | \$75.45     |
| Hotels & Meals            | 45.70       |
| Porters & Taxis           | 10.35       |
| Stenographers, Telegraph, |             |
| Telephone, Mail           | <u>5.85</u> |
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March 3rd 1921.

Rev. s. Hall Young  
156 Fifth Street  
New York

My dear Sir:

Am just in receipt of a letter from Mr. Ernest R. Ball in which he asks me to send you copies of some of our late numbers and same are going forward under separate cover.

Please be good enough to let me know if they reach you safely.

Yours very truly,

JPW:EJ

Box 54 La Grange, Ark.  
Mar 4 1921

Rev Paul H. H. Young  
Rev & Dear Sir

While I know  
I have no claim upon your time  
or courtesy, I have not yet given  
up the hope, that sometime at  
your convenience, I am yet to  
receive a reply to my letter of  
last Sept., in which I asked  
for something in your own hand  
or signed, taken from some of  
your poems, or better hymns.  
Of the latter, I have the largest  
collection, in autograph, in the  
world & which is the result of



To your Letter.

It is just possible You might  
care to read our local civic  
song, & as it is somewhat  
descriptive, I take the liberty  
of enclosing a copy.

I greatly admire  
your "My Friends"

Mr John Burroughs, who  
has recently lived across the  
street, was taken to a hospital for  
an ~~operation~~ operation - an abscess on  
his chest - but seems to be doing  
well.

With kindest wishes

Very sincerely

Fredrick W. Steele

March 4, 1921.

Dear Dr. Young,

I am in receipt to-day of the following letter,

"Dear Sir,

Since your visit and lecture in our church some weeks ago, I have been thinking and praying about preaching the Gospel in Alaska.

If the Home Missions Board can use me there, I am willing to meet any difficulty that I may serve my Dear Master in that field.

I refer you to A. E. Moody, our former pastor or A. Judson, Arrick our present pastor or to Rev. W. G. Oglevu, Stated Clerk of our (Rock River) Presbytery. Rev. B. P. Fullerton of the Home Missions Board has often been in my father's home near Kansas City, Mo. When I was a boy. The last 18 years of my life have been spent in this county, (Mercer) Ill.

Praying that God may lead us all, I am,

Yours truly,

E. L. PRATHER."

In Dr. Dixon's absence I thought it best to acknowledge receipt of this letter, and to let you know of it, while you are still in Illinois, in case of a possibility of interviewing this man while out there.

Sincerely yours,

March 4, 1921.

Mr. E. L. Prather,  
Aledo,  
Ill.

My dear Mr. Prather,

Your letter with the request for an opportunity of preaching the Gospel in Alaska is to hand.

Dr. Young is still in Illinois lecturing, but is expected back to his office next week. Upon his return I shall bring your letter to his attention.

Yours truly,

Secretary.

JD



March 14, 1914 21.

Rev. J. A. MacCallum,  
3925 Walnut St.,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Dr. MacCallum,

Yours of March 10th was awaiting me when I returned from a five week's itinerary in Illinois.

I do not know very much about Dr. Jennings of Germantown, but esteem him highly and think that he would make a good Moderator.

I have not heard any other names suggested. It is likely that the elders will present a man and I have heard an ~~intimation~~ that Dr. Swearlington of St. Paul, Minn. would be sent back to the coming Assembly with the view of stampeding that body for him as the Assembly of 1914 was stampeded for Dr. Alexander.

This is, however, mere rumor and may not amount to anything.

As far as I am able to gauge the action of the presbyteries by the sentiment of those from whom I have heard, I believe that the women elders' overture will pass. The great majority of the presbyteries are yet to vote on this question.

With warm regards, I am,

As always,

Your friend,

SHY:JD

March 14, 1921.

Mr. Delavan L. Pierson,  
156 Fifth Ave.,  
New York City.

Dear Mr. Pierson,

I have been away from the office for six weeks on an extended itinerary in Illinois, and therefore have not been able to pay attention to your letter of Feb. 17th before this.

I am going to be pretty busy the rest of this month, but will try to write the article you desire next week.

How completely do you wish it illustrated, and how much must I depend upon pictures from the other denominations?

I am leaving for Washington City to-morrow, and shall not be back again this week, but will attend to your matter early next week.

Very cordially yours,

SHY:JD

March 14, 1921

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Rev. J. M. Hubbert, D.D.,  
Room 515 Witherspoon Building,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Dr. Hubbert,

Yours of Feb. 28th came to the office while I was absent on an extended itinerary in Illinois, and therefore I have not been able to give it attention earlier.

While no action was taken by the Alaska Assembly, looking towards the discharge of my Committee on the Official Relation of Women in the Church, yet we understood that our duty was accomplished with the completion of our report to the Assembly. The recommendation of the Committee that an overture be sent down to the presbyteries, asking that women be admitted to the offices of ruling elder and deacon, was adopted by the Assembly.

Our Committee has not had any meeting since the Assembly. I presume that the other members of the Committee thought as I did, - that our work was finished with our report.

If you still think that we are a Committee and should make an additional report to the General Assembly of 1921, I am prepared to call my Committee together and canvass the vote of the presbyteries on this question. If you will furnish me the action of the presbyteries when reported to you. I understand that the great majority of the presbyteries postponed action on the overture until the Spring meeting.

Will you please let me know as soon as possible whether you consider my Committee still in existence and wish a further report.

Very cordially yours,

P.S. This letterhead will show the names and address of the Committee. All except Dr. Work, who was ill at the time, signed the report of the Committee. The minutes did not give the names of any but myself, although I stated that these members had signed the report.



March 22, 1921.

Mrs. Henry Alvah Strong,  
693 E. Ave.  
Rochester, N. Y.

My dear Mrs. Strong,

I am sorry that I missed you when you were in this city.  
I had a five weeks strenuous campaign in Illinois, and last week  
I spent in Washington City in the interests of Alaska legislation.

I shall be in my office pretty constantly from now until  
the latter part of April, although I am engaged for all the Sundays.

I shall be very glad indeed to meet you at any place you may  
designate, and at any time, or to communicate with you by letter or  
phone.

Very cordially yours,

SHY:JD

First Presbyterian Church

TEKAMAH, NEBRASKA  
PAUL C. JOHNSTON, PASTOR

March 23, 1921

Dr. D. Hall Young,  
New York City.

Dear Dr. Young:- I have just come from two weeks of special meetings with Ray V. Kearns of Canton, Illinois. I have heard little else but accounts of your recent visit there, and of the wonderful impression you left. Ray and his wife, Mr. Gillet, and the rest of them are most enthusiastic. I happen myself to be an old college and Seminary pal and chum of Mr. Kearns, and so got in on the enthusiasm too.

I am writing especially to inquire about Alaska stereopticon pictures. We have a Mission Study School, with about 150 in regular attendance, and I have that to take up Alaska in our next series, which begins the 7th of April. I want to use your books, and I would like to get on the track of some good pictures to use in conjunction with them. Perhaps you can direct me. I will certainly appreciate it if you will.

There is no possibility, is there, that you are to be in the neighborhood of Omaha, Nebraska, sometime soon? We would be more than delighted to have you visit us in Tekamah, and impart some of that vision and example of consecration to us. We are but 45 miles north of Omaha, and would do most anything to get you here. In my seminary days in McCormick, we had the pleasure of hearing you. I covet the same privilege for my people, as well as for myself.

I will appreciate an early reply, in order that I may shape this new series of lessons.

Very cordially yours,

Paul C. Johnston

Refer to Dr. Hall Young's letter  
re: Alaska pictures  
C. J.

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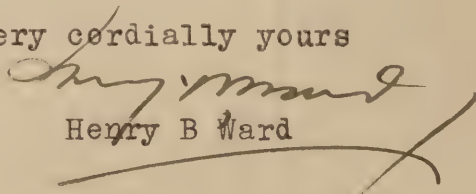
Dear Doctor Young:

I am writing to remind you of your promise to let me have some views of the rush over Chilkoot Pass, which as I explained I need to illustrate my talks to the University on Alaskan life.

You will be interested to know that there is a very real interest here in the topic you presented and people are still discussing it. Personally I look forward eagerly to another opportunity of seeing you and talking Alaska. If we only could meet in that wonderful country it would delight me greatly.

With warm regards and best wishes, believe me,

Very cordially yours

  
Henry B Ward

Doctor S Hall Young  
The Board of Foreign Missions  
156 Fifth Avenue New York City



March 24, 1921

Mrs. W. M. Scott,  
Carnegie Church,  
Carnegie, Pa.

My dear Mrs. Scott,

Yours of Feb. 24th enclosing check of \$10 for the Alaska Building Fund from Miss R. W. Shawhan of Carnegie Church, Carnegie, Pa. came to hand during my absence of more than a month in Illinois, and was acknowledged by my secretary.

I have just turned your check in to our treasurer, designating as you desired, for the Alaska Building Fund. Please accept for yourself and present to Miss Shawhan our warmest thanks for this contribution that comes to us year after year.

Very cordially yours,

SHY:JD

J  
Bernardsville, New Jersey.  
March 26<sup>th</sup> 1921.

Rev. S. Hall Young  
5156 Fifth Avenue  
New York City.

My dear Dr. Young;  
Your letter of March  
23<sup>rd</sup> is before me.

Mr. Childs tells me  
he sent a check Jan.  
21<sup>st</sup> 1921 to Rev. John  
Dixon for Board of Home

will be in good condition for  
your pleasure.

Most sincerely,

Mr. & Mrs. Samuel S. Childs.

A.

P.S.

We are enclosing a check for <sup>\$</sup>200 which  
with the check sent Dr. Dixon makes the <sup>\$</sup>300 re-  
quested. Samuel S. Childs.

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THE BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS  
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Suggested Model of Letter to be Sent by the Board Through  
the Home Mission Committee of the Alaska Presbytery to  
the Indian Churches of that Presbytery.

March 26, 1921.

Our very dear Friends,

It is now more than forty years since your mission ~~and~~ church was established under our care. We have watched your growth in the Christian life and civilization with very great interest. We thank God that your people have come out of heathen darkness into the light of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We are proud of you and we believe that you are ready to go on to greater things in the future.

You have done so well that we believe the time has come for you to take another step in advance, and that is to do something towards supporting your own church.

This Mission Board, which has supported you for forty years, has been enlarging its work all over the United States and has been increasing the amount of money given for Home Missions every year. So many millions of people demand our help that our Board finds itself facing the greatest debt of its history. We are calling upon our children everywhere in all mission churches to help us more than they have ever done before, in order that the Gospel may still be preached everywhere and sinners may be converted to God.

Heretofore the Indian Churches of Alaska have been the only ones of all the Indian Churches who have given little or nothing to help themselves. We are now asking you to make an effort to progress towards self-support. We ask from your church, during the coming year, from March 1st, the sum of \$ . This will be an average of \$ for each member during the year, or \$ a week. Some of you can raise more than this, while others may find it hard to raise as much. The strong must help the weak. Many of the Indian women can make a basket or weave a rug, which will pay their dues. The men can give their wages for a few days without any serious loss to themselves.

Read Malachi, third chapter and tenth verse, which preaches God's command to us; and we are happy and prosperous only when we obey his commands.

Other Indian tribes in other parts of the United States have been very generous in their efforts towards paying for the Gospel preached among them. Among the Nez Perce in Idaho their five churches pay all but from \$100 to \$140 each for the support of the Gospel among them. In Dakota and Wyoming, the Sioux and other Indians are doing the same thing. These missions are happy and those that give most are the happiest.

When you first began to come to the Light, you were as babies, new born, weak and ignorant and unable to help yourselves. Now you are getting to be men and women and preparing to be Christian citizens of the United States. We are giving you a chance now to show your strength. The Russian and Catholic missions of Alaska have always required regular tithes from their people and the natives have gladly paid these tithes. We do not want the Presbyterian Churches to be behind them.

We hope to hear from your missionary that you have answered this request by all heartily saying, "Yes, we will." With a prayer for God's richest blessings upon you, we are, as always,

Your friends in Christ,

*John A. Margie*

SHY:JD

Dear Mr. [unclear] -

I hope your letter  
came, but if the Indians  
know me they will realize  
that I cannot now  
make so fine a presenta-  
tion of the case. It is  
excellent. Yash.



218 WEST GILMAN STREET  
MADISON, WISCONSIN

March 27, 1921.

Dr S Hall Young;  
Dear Dr Young;

I have been interested for some years in the collecting of autographs and autographed letters, and the other day when talking to Father of you and the proposed hunting trip to Alaska that I hope so much you will all be able to take, it occurred to me that very possibly you might have an autograph or some little signed note from Muir that you would be willing to part with. You can imagine that it would mean a great deal more to me to have in my collection if it came from you.

If you do have anything from him, I would surely appreciate it a very great deal, or indeed, anything of that sort which you might have about your desk and would care to part with. I can only imagine how many interesting and worthwhile characters you have met up with in your full life. I thank you for your interest even though you may have nothing to send.

Very sincerely

March 28, 1921.

Rev. Charles A. Wilson,  
Casper, Wyoming.

Dear Mr. Wilson,

The Board, at its meeting last Thursday, definitely decided that I am to go to Alaska this summer for a six months stay. If it meets your desires, I can be with you Sunday, May 1st. I shall aim to reach Casper Saturday.

I cannot arrange to give Cheyenne a Sunday. If they wish an illustrated lecture on Monday or Tuesday, May 2nd or 3rd, I could arrange to give them that, but must make all haste to Seattle.

Will you kindly tell me what route and train I should take from New York to reach Casper on Saturday, April 30th. I am prepared to give you any kind of lectures or sermons that you may wish. I shall have a case of slides with me and another in my trunk, which I do not wish to open until I get to Seattle.

Please let me know as soon as possible. With warm regards to Mrs. Wilson and yourself and with rejoicings that I am to see you again, I am,

Very faithfully,

Your friend,

SNY:JD

March 29, 1921.

Mr. & Mrs. Samuel S. Childs,  
Bernardsville,  
N.J.

My dear Friends,

Your letter of the 26th with the enclosed check for \$200. is at hand. I wish to thank you most warmly on my own behalf for this cheefful response to my letter. Your timely gift will help the missionaries of Southeastern Alaska out of a very bad hole. We cut down the amounts given to those native missionaries by the Board, not dimishing their salary but requiring the native churches to contribute from \$200 to \$500 each towards the support of the missions. It is going to be a hard matter to put this across and will require the vigorous of the Lois on the part of Dr. Condit and others, to make the necessary cut in the budget.

I am writing to Mr. Bruce, the Chairman of the Home Missions Committee of the Presbytery, of which Mr. Waggoner is also a member, telling him that we have \$300 on hand given by you for the special purpose of keeping the Lois in good order and paying its running expenses. This will be cheering news to our missionaries.

Praying for God's blessing upon you and yours, I am,

As always,

Your friend,

SHY:JD



Springfield, Ill Mar.30,1921

Rev. S.Hall Young,D.D:  
Alaska Work Office,  
156 Fifth Ave,  
New York City,

My Dear Dr. Young:-

Since my fellowship with you, I have thought again and again of your proposed visit to Alaska this summer and wondered if all of your plans have been made and just when you expect to go and to return. Will it be necessary for you to have somebody accompany you and what work would you have for them to do? It would be a great pleasure for anyone I am sure to accompany you and if there was work to be done, there would be an enjoyment in the work. I suppose it would be utterly impossible for me to go but should you need someone and had not yet secured anyone, I would think seriously of making the trip, probably taking my boy with me, or either he or I might go alone with you, should you need any help.

I would like also to know the possible cost of a trip with you should one desire to go exclusive of being a helper for you.

After seeing Mrs. Humphreys she said, "Oh, how I wish our boy could go to Alaska with Dr. Young," and I certainly would be glad if he might go. I should be glad to hear from you in this regard, especially mentioning the time you expect to go, and the cost of a trip the full round with you, or just part of the way.

Ever being grateful that I had the privilege of fellowship and service with you and wishing you the best of health and every blessing, I am

Yours sincerely,

*Marion Humphreys,*  
Pastor-at-Large

# John Hall Memorial

OF THE

FIFTH AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

CHURCH HOUSE AND OFFICE, 342 EAST 63RD ST.

TELEPHONE PLAZA 2512

NEW YORK, March 30th, 1921.

Dr. S. Hall Young,  
156 Fifth Ave.,  
New York City.

My dear Dr. Hall:

Please accept this belated letter of thanks for the very helpful and interesting lecture which you gave our congregation here on March 13th. I regret that I was unable to be present with you at that time, but I was compelled to be out of town on that Sunday. Since then the rush of Easter work has made me neglectful of writing you. Our people have a very genuine interest in Missions and have contributed splendidly to the work of the Home Board during the past year. Again let me express to you the gratitude of our congregation for the very instructive evening which you gave them.

Very truly yours,

*David J. Lewis*

My dear Dr Young;—

I am writing for a friend of mine who is leading a meeting on Alaska the third Wed. in April, the 20<sup>th</sup>. She is Mrs William Exley.

She has been having a hard time finding literature on the subject.

If you have time to write some word on the



work. Present progress  
or something you knew  
would be of help or  
interest, would be  
very gratefully received.

Now I know you are  
a very busy man and  
if you haven't time to  
write ~~it~~<sup>we</sup> will understand.

We are all quite well  
this winter. My whole  
family live out in  
La Grange now. and  
near us. It certainly makes  
it very lovely for us.

Mrs Pettit and Mrs Gage  
are spending the winter in  
La Grange. They go home  
next week. We have so  
enjoyed having them here.

Mrs Pettit wanted to be  
remembered to you.

Margaret and I spent  
two weeks of last summer  
with Sarah. Robert and  
his wife and mother Mary  
at Prof. Rich's resort.

We had a delightful time  
together. They told me of  
having seen you at their

home.

I am sending this letter  
to N. Y. as Mrs William-  
son told me it would  
reach you that way.

Please remember me  
to your daughters

I trust this mild winter  
weather has been good  
to all of you.

Sincerely yours,

Flora Rockwell Wall

102 S. Stone Ave.,

La Grange,

Ill.

March 31, 1921.



*For Warden*  
*See page*

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S. HALL YOUNG,  
SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE

HOME MISSION REPORT FOR ALASKA FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 31st, 1921.

While the Presbyterian Church has left undone some things that it ought to have done, it has been more active in new enterprises than for many previous years.

THE PRESBYTERY OF YUKON, which cover over 550,000 square miles, has taken most of these forward steps. While the visit of the General Secretary to Alaska in 1919 failed in its principal objective, the visit to Point Barrow, it was productive of a great stimulus to our work among the Eskimo. The gift of \$25,000 provided material for the erection of a large hospital at Point Barrow and during the summer of 1921 the Rev. James H. Condit, D.D., general missionary for Alaska, succeeded in getting the materials, carpenters, etc. through the ice floe and the splendid building is up and doing its excellent work. Dr. F.H. Spence who has for years combined the functions of minister and physician at Barrow was compelled on account of the infirmities of old age, to go "outside" and, therefore, while the building was put up and those on the ground cared for the sick as best they could, that important mission has been without a physician for six months of the year. Another missionary-physician will be sent there during the coming summer, and also a nurse. The Board and the Presbyterian Church have no intention of slackening their efforts to help these very responsive, brave and interesting natives of the North.

There also went to the work among the natives last summer an experienced and devoted missionary-physician, Dr. W. H. Greist, who was ordained to the ministry by the Presbytery of Monticello, and who, with his devoted wife, has been reestablishing and making more efficient than ever what was the old Congregational Mission at Cape Prince of Wales. In this most stormy point of Alaska, and in spite of the shortage of coal and supplies, he has fitted up the most comfortable buildings and has ministered to the sick and added to the number of church members, and also, with the aid of the church, will erect buildings this summer sufficient to take care of the sick at Prince of Wales. On account of the deficit, the Board was not able to reopen the mission at St. Lawrence, or to start the projected mission at Bristol Bay. These points were to have been surveyed by Dr. S. Hall Young, but the collapse of the Inter-Church movement cut off funds which had been voted for this enterprise.

Several changes have been made in the work among the white churches of Yukon Presbytery, - Rev. Wallace S. Marple was transferred from Fairbanks to Anchorage; Rev. John L. Hughes who had served in the Army as Chaplain, having been granted a scholarship for further study, was obliged to give up his work in Alaska for a time; Rev. Fred C. Scherer was commissioned to Fairbanks and has been doing splendid work there; Rev. R.S. Nickerson was sent from Idaho to Cordova taking the place of Rev. A. G. Shriver; Rev. Robert J. Diven, D.D. did heroic work at Nenana under very depressing circumstances. The scourge of influenza, which had seemingly passed by the Interior while the coast lands of Alaska were in places almost depopulated in 1919, visited Fairbanks and Nenana with accumulated violence in 1920.



Hundreds died and at Nenana especially the fatality was frightful. Our missionaries at these places did heroic work and although stricken themselves, Dr. and Mrs. Diven were towers of strength to the hearts of the people. Dr. Diven is to be transferred the coming summer to the old mother mission at Wrangell in Southeastern Alaska. The government railroad has been finished from the coast to the interior with the exception of some eighty miles, and the gap will be closed, government officials promise, by the Spring of 1922. Already the mail to the Interior goes in by that route, and the farmers, as well as the miners, are travelling in increased numbers along the line of this road. The survey of farm lands has been actively pushed, a new grist mill established at Fairbanks and that territory is now prepared to furnish all the flour as well as the potatoes and vegetables needed for the people of the territory. When the railroad is completed and an easy market opened, there will doubtless be a great stampede of farmers to the great agricultural valleys of the Tanana ~~through~~ Susitna and Metamaska. The reindeer brought to the number of some 12,000 by Dr. Sheldon Jackson, twenty-five years ago have increased to 200,000, and according to Ex-Secretary of the Interior, Franklin Lane, they will doubtless do much towards solving the meat question of the future. Paper pulp mills and saw mills are being established in the great forests of the coast. The fisheries of this "greatest fishing country in the world" are being enlarged, new and promising gold "strikes" have been made and there is renewed activity in the mining of copper, platinum, silver, tin and other metals. Secretary Daniels, who visited the coal fields of Alaska, prophesied that within three years, almost all the anthracite and bituminous coal used ~~by~~ the Pacific Coast states will be produced by Alaska fields. At last permits have been obtained for boring for oil and six or seven oil fields will be developed during the coming summer. The boats supplying Alaska have been ticketed full for the coming season.

ALASKA IS COMING BACK!

THE PRESBYTERY OF ALASKA - There has been little change in the personnel of the missionaries at work among the native and white churches in the Presbytery of Alaska. The white church at Juneau has attained to self-support under the leadership of Dr. George C. Bruce. The native churches have done much more than hold their own and the promise of the future is very encouraging. Three native churches have been vacant the past year; namely, Klukwan, Wrangell and Hydaburg. The first mentioned will be grouped with Haines and both churches will be ministered to by Rev. C. G. Denton. Dr. Diven from the Presbytery of Yukon will arrive at Wrangell during the coming summer and take charge of this old mother church. An efficient minister is being sought for Hydaburg.

The most important forward movement in the Presbytery of Alaska has been the organization of the Presbyterian Church in Metlakatla under the care of Rev. Edward Marsten, our thoroughly educated native minister. This new church which was organized with 180 Tsimpsheans, ~~perhaps~~ claims the majority of the people of Metlakatla and promises a great future.

An earnest effort is being made to train these native churches in self-support. A new church building at Sitka and a new manse at Wrangell with other lesser improvements, will comprise the building progress in this Presbytery. During the last year the net appropriation of \$74,072 was made for the work of Alaska. On account of the necessity of cutting down the budgets in all fields, this sum has been reduced to \$48,460 for the coming year. The Alaska fields show a commendable spirit of service and earnestness.

The General Missionary, Rev. James H. Condit, D.D., has during the past year, travelled many thousands of miles principally in his conduct of the great expedition to Point Barrow and Prince of Wales, has efficiently administered to the

affairs of the missions in both Presbyteries, and has rendered illuminating reports. Rev. S. Hall Young, D.D., the Special Representative of the Board for Alaska has prepared lectures and literature for the Board, has lectured largely on Alaska and Home Missions. He goes this summer to Alaska to collect material for further books and lectures, to take care, for a time, of his old mission at Wrangell, and also to supply to other missions. He thinks that the coming trip to Alaska of six months will add ten years to his life and multiply his efficiency to the Board.



HENRY BALDWIN WARD, IN CHARGE  
J. STERLING KINGSLEY  
FRANK SMITH  
CHARLES ZELENY  
VICTOR ERNEST SHELFOED  
HARLEY JONES VAN CLEAVE  
ROKUSABURO KUDO  
GEORGE MARSH HIGGINS

## DEPARTMENT OF ZOOLOGY

URBANA

March 31, 1921

Dear Doctor Young:

In re-reading the other day the chapter on The Dog and the Man in your Alaska Days with John Muir, I was particularly struck with one item concerning the Taylor Glacier.

I have long been endeavoring to get accurate information concerning a stream which at some time had been a spawning ground for the salmon, had been barred off in some way, naturally or artificially, so that the salmon run was absolutely cut out and no spawning took place in the stream for a period of six years or more, yet which became subsequently accessible and was re-visited by salmon so that a new run was established there. If I could get a positive instance of this fact, I should be able to utilize it in a very important way in my studies on the life history of salmon. Your case comes as near to being what is wanted as anything that I have ever seen. I am writing consequently to ask for a few further details.

I do not know how much of your record is based on general and superficial evidence so that it is possibly subject to criticism from the scientific standpoint, and I wish you would enlighten me on this as well as give me or enable me to get further evidence if it can be secured.

It is also important to determine what species of salmon resorted to the stream. You mention the king salmon, and I infer that the stream was too short to be provided with a lake or in other words to furnish opportunity for the spawning of the red or Alaska salmon.

You know that the parent-stream theory, which has been most tenaciously held by fishermen, was at first totally and uncompromisingly rejected by scientific students of Ichthyology, including no less famous a man than David Starr Jordan who is of course the dean of American Ichthyologists. From the first of my studies I was impressed by the fact that the amount of evidence in the possession of the fishermen was too large to justify the total rejection of this view. At the same time, the form in which it was stated was impossible for it attributed to the salmon intellectual powers and knowledge which would have been far beyond that possessed by the human species and certainly could not be attributed to a fish, for these in the main at least respond instinctively to natural influences and are not guided by what we call reason. As a result of many years' study, I have found evidence that leads me to feel that the divergent views can be reconciled: that the fishermen are in the main correct, although the explanation they give is one which we cannot accept.

In formulating these views for publication, I must necessarily bring together my evidence in scientific form if it is to be acceptable to the scientific circle. This is my excuse for troubling you with re-



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gard to the matter. I hope you will not be too busy to drop me a line on the subject and to let me know of any other evidence which you think could be secured on the point at issue whether it concerns this particular stream and glacier or some other place.

With warm personal regards, I remain

Very cordially yours

  
Henry B. Ward

Doctor S. Hall Young  
Board of Foreign Missions of the  
Presbyterian Church

Enclosure

In Alaska Days with John Muir, S. Hall Young records an incident which is of more than passing significance in connection with the discussion concerning the return of salmon to the spawning grounds in which they were hatched.

Young speaks of a visit to Taylor Glacier which lies on a narrow fiord connected with Cross Sound. Muir observed that this glacier was moving forward powerfully, cutting into the ground clear across its front and carrying a whole hill on its back towards the sea. Young visited an old Hoonah chief camped at the mouth of the little river which flowed from under Taylor Glacier. "The many salmon weirs and summer houses at this point showed that it had been at one time a very important fishing place. But the advancing glacier had played havoc with the chief's salmon stream. The icy mass had been for several years traveling towards the sea at the rate of at least a mile every year. There were still silver hordes of fine red salmon swimming in the sea outside of the river's mouth. But the stream was now so short that the most of these salmon swam a little ways into the mouth of the river and then out into the salt water again, bewildered and circling about, doubtless wondering what had become of their parent stream."

The old chief visited the camp and in his talk, as quoted, said: "Do you see that great ice mountain? Once I had the finest salmon stream upon the coast." Pointing to a point of rock five or six miles beyond the mouth of the glacier he continued: "Once the salmon stream extended far beyond that point of rock. There was a great fall there and a deep pool below it, and here for years great schools of king salmon came crowding up to the foot of that fall. \* \* \* \* \* But the cruel spirit of that glacier grew angry with me, I know not why, and drove the ice mountain down towards the sea and spoiled my salmon stream. A year or two more and it will be blotted out entirely. \* \* \* \* \*

"About eight years afterwards, visiting at Wrangell, he told me that Taylor Glacier was receding again and the salmon beginning to come into that stream."



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Alaska Office.

THE PRESENT NEEDS OF ALASKA

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My dear Dr. Anthony;

In compliance with your request that I furnish some information in regard to the present needs of Alaska I submit the following:

The most pressing need of material assistance and spiritual help is found among the Eskimo and Aleuts of the Iering Sea Coast. Two factors enter into their present forlorn and forsaken condition; first the withdrawal from Alaska of all funds formerly contributed by the Russian Catholic Church for the support of its Alaskan missions. I have not at hand complete statistics as to the number and location of these missions, but commencing at the extreme southwest I can name Adak, Atka and Unalaska on the Aleutian Islands, at least three points on the West Coast of the Alaska Peninsula, Ushagah, Iliamna and one or two points on Bristol Bay, the Russian Mission one hundred miles up the Yukon River, St. Michael and the Pribylof Islands. If the information I have received is reliable these Russian missions, with the possible exception of the one at Unalaska, have all been abandoned. The Priests who ministered to this region were but poor shepherds, but they gave some care to their forlorn flocks who are now sheep entirely without a shepherd's care. Add to this the Aleuts of the Shumagin Islands east of the Aleutian group in the Pacific Ocean and the six or seven Russian Missions at Shismareff, Katmai, Seldovia and Kodiak off the Eastern shore of the Alaskan Peninsula, on both shores of the long reach of Cooks Inlet, at Kodiak and on Kenai

Penninsula and also the old Russian Mission at Ellamar on Prince Williams Sound, with its branch missions at Iyak near Cordova and on <sup>Hinchinbrook</sup> Montagu and Islands. All of these Russian Missions on the Alaska Peninsula, with the possible exception of the one at Kodiak, have been abandoned by the Russian Priests.

In addition to those natives who had some spiritual care from the Russian Priests there is quite a considerable population of Eskimo on Nunivak and Nelson Islands and along the intricate channels of the great delta of the Yukon, as well as in parts of the Bristol Bay region, who have never had any missionaries of any kind among them. Dr. Clinton, U. S. Commissioner of Education, told me three years ago that there was an Eskimo population in that region of at least 8000 souls who were without any spiritual care whatsoever except that afforded them by the few Christian teachers of the native Government schools, which the Bureau of Education had established here and there in the larger native villages.

On the borders of this region are the following Protestant missions. In the southwest, the Methodist mission at Unalakleet, with its Jessie Lee Home. Formerly the Methodists had a mission at Unga and on the Shumagin Islands. North of that, along the Eastern Bering Sea Coast, it is some eight hundred miles to the Moravian Missions at Quinhagak, Bethel and other points on the Kuskoquim River and near its mouth. The Moravians formerly had a mission at Kushagak but it was abandoned more than ten years ago. From these Moravian Missions to the Swedish Evangelical Missions at Unalakleet and Golofin on Norton Sound is a space of five or six hundred miles without Protestant missions. On the Bering Sea side of Seward Peninsula, some sixty miles west of Golofin is the Methodist Mission at Nome, and twenty five miles west of that a mission of the same denomination at Simeon. Then proceeding westward along the southern shore of Seward Penn-



insula we come to the Norwegian Lutheran Mission at Teller Reindeer Station, and at the extreme western point of the Peninsula the Congregational Mission at Cape Prince of Wales. Farther west, and one hundred miles south of the Cape is the Presbyterian Mission on St. Lawrence Island, now for some years unnamed. From the south again, proceeding up the eastern coast of the Alaska Peninsula on the Pacific side, the first Protestant mission is the Baptist Mission on Wood Island near Kodiak, with its orphanage. Along the whole coast of Cooks Inlet, on both sides, including Turnagain and Knik around the Kuskitna and Matanuska Valleys, no Protestant denomination has undertaken any systematic and sustained work among the Native population. The Presbyterians at Knik and Anchorage and the Episcopalians in the same region have done a little work for them but have established nothing of the dignity of missions.

The same may be said of the region about Prince William Sound and the Copper River Valley. Formerly the Baptists had a mission at Copper Center, two hundred miles up the Copper River, but it was abandoned some years ago. The Presbyterians and Episcopalians at Cordova and the Congregationalists at Valdez have taken care of a few of the natives in their vicinity, but a very few. They are practically without spiritual leadership. I furnished to Dr. Barnes, of the Baptist Church a month or more ago, a more detailed account of the natives of this region to which I would refer you.

In addition to the neglected condition of these poor natives a fatal epidemic of influenza broke out among the natives of the southern coast of Seward Peninsula and the region of Norton Sound last fall. It was stated by the Home papers that almost all of the adult Eskimo population in that region died, leaving some two hundred and fifty orphans. During the winter the kindly Eskimo of Kotzebue Sound and the Arctic Shore, among whom the epidemic had not appeared, sent by reindeer sledge and dog sled and



gathered for adoption the greater part of these poor orphans. The white people of Nome and vicinity and the Methodist Swedish Evangelical and Congregational Missions did ~~what~~ they could to relieve the distress, but the sad lack of hospitals for the Natives was distressingly evident. The most of these lives could have been saved had there been adequate medical aid in that region.

This spring the epidemic of influenza has broken out in its most virulent form in the Bristol Bay region. The germs of the disease were carried to this region by the fishermen employed in the salmon canneries. From the Government offices in Washington City we learn that the lives of about five thousand persons in that region are threatened. Sixty persons died in one small community in one day a few weeks ago. An appropriation of \$100,000.00 for the relief of the Alaska influenza sufferers has been included in the general deficiency bill by the Senate Appropriations Committee. *(Late advice is that this appropriation was turned down by the House Committee)* but it is feared that the most of the natives and many of the whites of the region adjacent to the western salmon canneries will have died before this relief is available.

In contrast to the fatality of the epidemic in this region where there is practically no medical relief, it may be stated that the influenza broke out in Southeastern Alaska last fall but the Government hospitals and the Presbyterian missionaries and nurses were able to successfully combat the disease and very few deaths occurred.

In addition to the neglected condition of these western natives it should be stated that the moral neglect of this region and the annual influx of fishermen and workers in the canneries has resulted in an appalling moral and physical condition. Syphilitic diseases, tuberculosis and other communicable diseases have had their way with these dying natives. If the Protestant Churches do not instantly bestir themselves and go in force to the relief of these natives there will soon be no natives to help.



As to the allocation of responsibility, I might suggest that the Methodist Church enlarge its efforts to cover the natives of all the Aleutian Islands, the Shumagin group and the Western shore of the Alaska Peninsula. That the Baptists take decided steps to evangelize and care for the natives of the eastern shore of the Alaskan Peninsula, the region around Cocks Inlet, the Prince Williams Sound country and the Susnita and Copper River Valleys.

The Moravians have not sufficient funds to greatly enlarge their noble work on the Kuskokwim, but should endeavor to take care of the natives along that river and near its mouth.

The Presbyterians should reopen their mission at St. Lawrence Island and, if possible, send a missionary to the Fur Seal Islands. *Nelson*

The Swedish Evangelical, Methodist, Congregational and Norwegian Lutherans on the southern shore of Seward Peninsula should enlarge their bodies so as to sufficiently care for all the natives in that vicinity.

This leaves the large region about Bristol Bay, Nushagak, Nunivak Island, Iliamna and the northwestern shore of the Alaskan Peninsula to be considered. I would suggest that the Alaska Committee of the Council consider the practicability of erecting interdenominational and nondenominational missions and hospitals in this region. It will require a large outlay of money to do this efficiently. Such philanthropists as Cleveland Dodge and John D. Rockefeller Jr. who have shown such helpful interest in nondenominational work should be solicited for financial help. No time should be lost in undertaking this important and pressing work.

In this paper I have not mentioned the Eskimo of the Arctic shore, where missions of the Friends, Episcopalians and the Presbyterians are doing an excellent work and where as yet the epidemic of influenza has not been reported. Bishop Rowe of the Episcopal Church in Alaska and



Dr. Marquis, General Secretary of the Presbyterian Board of Home Missions and Dr. Condit, Presbyterian General Missionary of Alaska, all of whom are to take the trip along the western coast and north as far as Point Barrow this summer, should be asked to make full reports upon the condition of the natives in the regions they visit and statistics should be gathered by all the missionaries which have been mentioned.

The Yukon Valley, the natives of which are efficiently cared for by the Episcopal and Roman Catholic Churches, should be left to the care of these denominations and the natives of Southeastern Alaska to the Presbyterians.

Respectfully submitted

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